

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-23
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued January 6, 2003)

On December 24, 2002, TRANSLink Development Company, LLC (TRANSLink Development), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in the pending reorganization proceeding involving MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) application, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.77, for authority to transfer functional control over certain assets to TRANSLink Transmission Company (TRANSLink), a proposed independent electric transmission company. No objection to the petition to intervene was filed.

In support of its petition to intervene, TRANSLink Development states that TRANSLink will operate or own transmission facilities in Iowa when it achieves commercial operation. Even though TRANSLink will not provide retail electric service in Iowa, it will be subject to the Board's jurisdiction. TRANSLink Development is a limited liability corporation created as an interim "bridge company" to perform the numerous tasks needed to create TRANSLink as a legal entity and bring TRANSLink to commercial operations. TRANSLink Development states it should be a party to the proceeding to describe to the Board and other parties the benefits of TRANSLink as a wholesale development company.

The Board will grant the petition to intervene. TRANSLink Development has alleged a unique interest in this proceeding that is not currently represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by TRANSLink Development Company, LLC, on December 24, 2002, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of January, 2003.